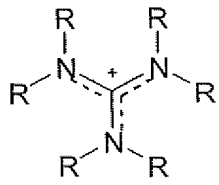
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ for the preparation of guanidinium salts of the formula (1)



A^- (1),

in which the substituents R in each case, independently of one another, have the meaning of

hydrogen,

straight-chain or branched alkyl having 1-20 C atoms,

saturated, partially or fully unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, which may be substituted by alkyl groups having 1-6 C atoms,

where one or more substituents R may be partially or fully substituted by halogen or partially by CN or NO_2 and halogen denotes F, Cl, Br or I,

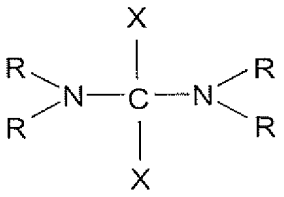
where up to four substituents R may be bonded to one another in pairs by a single or double bond

and where a carbon atom or two non-adjacent carbon atoms of one or more substituents R may be replaced by atoms and/or atom groups selected from the group -O-, -C(O)-, -C(O)O-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-SO_2-$, $-SO_3-$, -N=, -N=N-, -NH-, -NR'-, -PR'-, -P(O)R'-, -P(O)R'-O-, -O-P(O)R'-O-, and $-P(R')_2=N-$, where R' denotes non-fluorinated, partially or perfluorinated alkyl having 1-6 C atoms, saturated or partially unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or an unsubstituted or substituted heterocycle

and

A^- is a sulfonate, alkyl- or arylsulfate, hydrogensulfate, imide, methanide, carboxylate, phosphate, phosphinate, phosphonate, borate, thiocyanate, perchlorate, fluorosilicate or nitrate,

by reaction of a compound of the formula (2)



(2)

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in which the substituents R have a meaning indicated for formula (1) and X denotes F, Cl or Br,

with a compound of the formula (3)

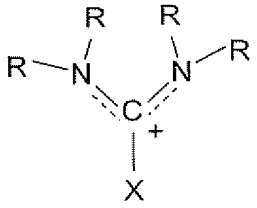
$Kt^+ A^-$ (3),

in which A^- has a meaning indicated for formula (1) and

Kt^+ can be a proton, R''_3Si, an alkali or alkaline earth metal cation, an ammonium cation, a phosphonium cation or a cation from group 11 or 12,

where R'' in each case, independently of one another, denotes phenyl or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1-6 C atoms, which may be substituted by phenyl,

and subsequent reaction of the resultant compound of the formula (4)



A^- (4)

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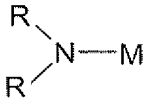
where the substituents R, X and A^- have a meaning indicated for formula (1) or (2),

with compounds of the formula (5)



(5)

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where the substituents R have a meaning indicated for formula (1) and

M denotes hydrogen, R''_3Si, an alkali or alkaline earth metal and

R'' in each case, independently of one another, denotes phenyl or a linear or branched alkyl group having 1-6 C atoms, which may be substituted by phenyl.

2. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a compound of ~~compounds of the~~ formula $Kt^+ A^-$ (3) ~~are~~ is employed, in which Kt^+

has a meaning indicated in Claim 1 and

A^- is ~~selected from the group~~

$[R^1OSO_3]^-$, $[R^1SO_3]^-$, $[R^FSO_3]^-$, $[(FSO_2)_2N]^-$, $[(R^FSO_2)_2N]^-$, $[(R^FSO_2)(R^FCO)N]^-$, $[(R^FSO_2)_3C]^-$, $[(FSO_2)_3C]^-$, $[R^1CH_2C(O)O]^-$, $[R^FC(O)O]^-$, $[P(C_nF_{2n+1-m}H_m)_yF_{6-y}]^-$, $[P(C_6F_5)_yF_{6-y}]^-$, $[(R^1O)_2P(O)O]^-$, $[R^1{}_2P(O)O]^-$, $[R^1P(O)O_2]^{2-}$, $[R^F{}_2P(O)O]^-$, $[R^FP(O)O_2]^{2-}$, $[BF_{4-z}R^F{}_z]^-$, $[BF_{4-z}(CN)_z]^-$, $[B(C_6F_5)_4]^-$, $[B(OR^1)_4]^-$, $[N(CN)_2]^-$, $[C(CN)_3]^-$, $[N(CF_3)_2]^-$, $[HSO_4]^-$, $[SiF_6]^{2-}$, $[ClO_4]^-$, $[SCN]^-$ ~~and~~ or $[NO_3]^-$,

in which the substituents R^F in each case, independently of one another, have the meaning of perfluorinated and straight-chain or branched alkyl having 1-20 C atoms,

perfluorinated and straight-chain or branched alkenyl having 2-20 C atoms and one or more double bonds,

perfluorinated and saturated, partially or fully unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, which may be substituted by perfluoroalkyl groups,

where the substituents R^F may be bonded to one another in pairs by a single or double bond and

where a carbon atom or two non-adjacent carbon atoms of the substituent R^F which are not in the α-position to the heteroatom may be replaced by atoms and/or atom groups selected from the group -O-, -C(O)-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-SO_2-$, -N=, -N=N-, -NR'-, -PR'- and -P(O)R'-, where R' denotes non-fluorinated, partially or perfluorinated alkyl having 1-6 C atoms, saturated or partially unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or an unsubstituted or substituted heterocycle,

in which the substituents R^1 in each case, independently of one another, have the meaning of straight-chain or branched alkyl having 1-20 C atoms,

straight-chain or branched alkenyl having 2-20 C atoms and one or more double bonds,

straight-chain or branched alkynyl having 2-20 C atoms and one or more triple bonds,

saturated, partially or fully unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, which may be substituted by alkyl groups having 1-6 C atoms,

where the substituents R^1 may be partially substituted by CN, NO_2 or halogen and

halogen denotes F, Cl, Br or I,

where the substituents R^1 may be bonded to one another in pairs by a single or double bond

and

where a carbon atom or two non-adjacent carbon atoms of the substituent R^1 which are not in the α-position to the heteroatom may be replaced by atoms and/or atom groups selected from the group -O-, -C(O)-, -C(O)O-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-SO_2-$, $-SO_3-$, -N=, -N=N-, -NH-, -NR'-, -PR'-, -P(O)R'-, P(O)R'O-, OP(O)R'O-, $-PR'_2=N-$, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)NR'-, $-SO_2NH-$ or $-SO_2NR'-$, where R' denotes non-fluorinated, partially or perfluorinated alkyl having 1-6 C atoms, saturated or partially unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or an unsubstituted or substituted heterocycle

and the variables

n denotes 1 to 20,

m denotes 0, 1, 2 or 3,

y denotes 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

z denotes 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4.

3. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein A^- is ~~selected from the group~~

$[CH_3OSO_3]^-$, $[C_2H_5OSO_3]^-$, $[C(CN)_3]^-$, $[CH_3SO_3]^-$, $[C_8H_{17}SO_3]^-$, $[CH_3C_6H_4SO_3]^-$, $[CF_3SO_3]^-$, $[C_2H_5SO_3]^-$, $[CF_3CF_2SO_3]^-$, $[(CF_3SO_2)_2N]^-$, $[(FSO_2)_2N]^-$, $[(CF_3SO_2)(CF_3CO)N]^-$, $[(C_2F_5SO_2)(CF_3CO)N]^-$, $[(C_2F_5SO_2)_2N]^-$, $[(CF_3SO_2)_3C]^-$, $[(C_2F_5SO_2)_3C]^-$, $[(FSO_2)_3C]^-$, $[CH_3C(O)O]^-$, $[C_2H_5C(O)O]^-$, $[CF_3C(O)O]^-$, $[CF_3CF_2C(O)O]^-$, $[PF_6]^-$, $[P(C_2F_5)_3F_3]^-$, $[P(C_4F_9)_3F_3]^-$, $[P(CF_3)_3F_3]^-$, $[P(C_2F_4H)(CF_3)_2F_3]^-$, $[P(C_2F_3H_2)_3F_3]^-$, $[P(C_2F_5)(CF_3)_2F_3]^-$, $[P(C_6F_5)_3F_3]^-$, $[P(C_3F_7)_3F_3]^-$, $[P(C_2F_5)_2F_4]^-$, $[(HO)_2P(O)O]^-$, $[(CH_3O)_2P(O)O]^-$, $[(C_2H_5O)_2P(O)O]^-$, $[(C_2F_5)_2P(O)O]^-$, $[(C_2F_5)P(O)O_2]^{2-}$, $[P(C_6F_5)_2F_4]^-$, $[(CH_3)_2P(O)O]^-$, $[CH_3P(O)O_2]^{2-}$, $[(CF_3)_2P(O)O]^-$, $[CF_3P(O)O_2]^{2-}$, $[BF_4]^-$, $[BF_3(CF_3)]^-$, $[BF_2(C_2F_5)_2]^-$, $[BF_3(C_2F_5)]^-$, $[BF_2(CF_3)_2]^-$, $[B(C_2F_5)_4]^-$, $[BF_3(CN)]^-$, $[BF_2(CN)_2]^-$, $[B(CN)_4]^-$, $[B(OCH_3)_4]^-$, $[B(CF_3)_4]^-$, $[B(OCH_3)_2(OC_2H_5)_2]^-$, $[B(O_2C_2H_4)_2]^-$, $[B(O_2C_2H_2)_2]^-$, $[B(O_2C_6H_4)_2]^-$, $[N(CN)_2]^-$, $[N(CF_3)_2]^-$, $[HSO_4]^-$, $[ClO_4]^-$, $[SiF_6]^-$, $[SCN]^-$ or $[NO_3]^-$.

4. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the substituent X in dihalogen compounds of the formula (2) according to Claim 1

denotes fluorine or chlorine.

5. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the substituent R in compounds of the formula (5) according to Claim 1 in each case, independently of one another, has the meaning of
hydrogen,
straight-chain or branched alkyl having 1-20 C atoms or
saturated, partially or fully unsaturated cycloalkyl having 3-7 C atoms, which may be substituted by alkyl groups having 1-6 C atoms.

6. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first step of the process is carried out in water.

7. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to one Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first step of the process is carried out at temperatures of 0° to 150°C.

8. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first step of the process is carried out in an organic solvent.

9. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first step of the process is carried out at temperatures of -50° to 150°C.

10. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second step of the process is carried out without a solvent.

11. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second step of the process is carried out at a temperature at which at least one component is liquid.

12. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second step of the process is carried out in an organic solvent.

13. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second step of the process is carried out at temperatures of 50° to 150°C.

14. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second step of the process is carried out in water.

15. (Currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second step of the process is carried out at temperatures of 0° to 150°C.

16.-17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A compound that is:

1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium, tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium trifluoromethanesulfonate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium trifluoromethanesulfonate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium tosylate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium hydrogensulfate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium nitrate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium trifluoroacetate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium thiocyanate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium tetracyanoborate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-diethylaminoimidazolidinium bis(trifluoromethyl)imide,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium bis(fluorosulfonyl)imide
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium methylsulfate,
bis(dimethylamino)chlorocarbenium bis(pentafluoroethyl)phosphinate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium methylsulfate,
1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium dihydrophosphate,

or

1,3-dimethyl-2-chloroimidazolidinium dimethyiphosphate.